

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figures 1 and 3. These sheets, which includes Figures 1 and 3, replaces the original sheets Figures 1 and 3.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

Remarks

The Office Action of February 2, 2005, has been carefully considered. Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested. Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the allowable subject matter.

Claims 1-3, 5 and 6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Fletcher (U.S. Pat. No. 5,347,353). Claim 8 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fletcher in view of Munakata (U.S. Pat. No. 6,493,533 B1).

Claims 4 and 7 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have amended the claims as such.

No additional fee is believed to be required for this amendment. However, the undersigned Xerox Corporation attorney (or agent) hereby authorizes the charging of any necessary fees, other than the issue fee, to Xerox Corporation Deposit Account No. 24-0025. This also constitutes a request for any needed extension of time and authorization to charge all fees therefor to Xerox Corporation Deposit Account No. 24-0025.

In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, he is hereby directed to call Lloyd F. Bean, II, at Telephone Number 585-423-4520, Rochester, New York.

Respectfully submitted,



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